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1. The Vasil Levski Military Academy and the Georgi Sava Rakovski War College buildings are located at 22 Kliment Gottwald Street, Poduene Quarter, Sofia, in an area approximately 300 by 1,000 meters in size. A portion of the grounds is used as a park area.
2. The buildings on the south side of Sipka Street, which cuts the grounds approximately in half, are the Military Academy buildings. These are 3-story buildings, the second story being used for classrooms and the other two floors serving as dormitories. On the north side of Sipka Street are the War College buildings, two of which are dormitories. One dormitory had not been completed as of March 1950. (See appendix, page 3).

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3. Academy students are young men who have completed the ninth to eleventh grades. They attend the Academy for three years and graduate as second, first, or senior first lieutenants, depending upon their ability. Their uniforms are as follows:
- a. Blue jackets with gold buttons;
 - b. Breeches;
 - c. High boots;
 - d. Red-visored caps;
 - e. Red patent leather belts; and
 - f. Red shoulder insignia with gold piping.
4. At the time of informant's observation, the Academy had four trucks and two cars which were kept in a garage located outside the school. Two or three times per week, approximately 100 students equipped with arms of Soviet manufacture (such as Vintovka rifles and light and heavy machine guns of unknown caliber), were transported with their instructors to the vicinity of Boyana village.
5. Approximately 15 officers were at the Academy. One of these was Artillery Colonel Khadzhi-Ivanov, about 60, medium-sized, stout, round-faced, with light brown hair and a small mustache. Colonel Khadzhi-Ivanov was probably connected with the administration of the Academy.
6. Officers from all branches of the service, ranking from first lieutenants to generals, attended the War College for periods varying between six months and two years. Some of these men graduated as staff officers.
7. In 1949, approximately 200 officers were attending the War College. Some of them lived in Sofia and others resided at the school. Classes were held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
8. Until December 1949, the commanding officer of the college was Major General Kristev, approximately 50 years old, tall, thin, long-faced and blond. He was said to have been Bulgarian Military Attache in Moscow prior to 1944, in which year he was assigned to command the War College.
9. In December 1949, Major General Kristev was replaced by General Slavcho Sagov Trunski. About the middle of 1950, General Trunski was reported to have been arrested and discharged from the Army.¹

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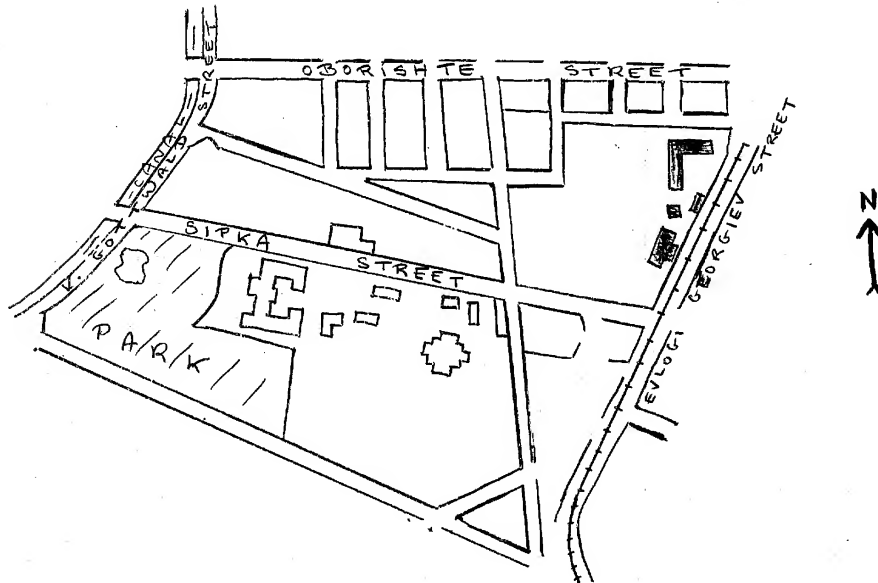
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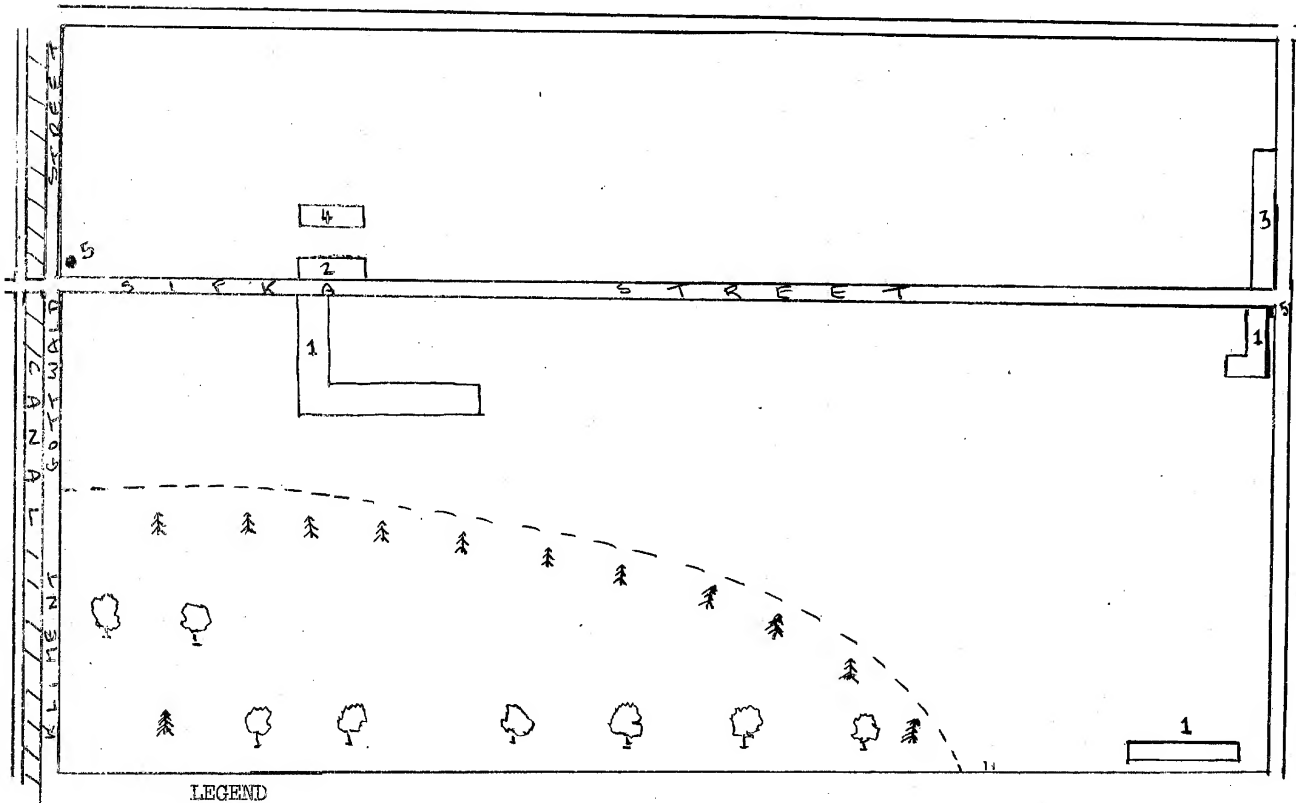
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APPENDIX

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The area of Sofia shown above was copied from a Sofia City Plan and corresponds to the area shown in the following free-hand drawing made by informant:

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1. Military Academy Buildings (3-story).
2. War College Building (2-story).
3. War College Dormitory (2-story).
4. War College Dormitory (incomplete).
5. Sentry Posts.

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